

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An optical compensatory sheet comprising a transparent support and an optically anisotropic layer, wherein the optically anisotropic layer is formed from liquid crystal molecules and monomers having four or more double bonds, said monomers being polymerized to form a cross-linked polymer in the optically anisotropic layer, wherein the transparent support has a retardation value in plane in the range of 0 to 50 nm and a retardation value along a thickness direction in the range of 70 to 400 nm, and wherein the transparent support is a cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate having an acetic acid content in the range of 59.0 to 61.5%, wherein the cellulose acetate film contains an aromatic compound having two or more aromatic rings in an amount of 0.01 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of cellulose acetate.

Claims 10 and 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The optical compensatory sheet as defined in claim 9, wherein the cellulose acetate film is formed by casting two or more cellulose acetate solutions simultaneously.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The optical compensatory sheet as defined in claim 9, wherein the cellulose acetate film is formed from a solution of cellulose acetate in a solvent selected from the group consisting of an ether having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a ketone having 3 to 12 carbon atoms and an ester having 2 to 12 carbon atoms.

Claim 14 and 15 (Canceled)